

dinner with the Vice President featuring Indian contributors, so he enlisted DeAtley's assistance in reaching out to the Indians in San Diego.⁵⁵⁷

Crain set the cost of participation for the Nov. 8 dinner at \$5,000 per person, with \$15,000 securing membership in the DBC. By Nov. 7, he obtained solid commitments from four tribes, including the Oneida (at \$10,000) and the St. Croix (at \$15,000). Each of those tribes sent representatives to the dinner, with Chairman Lewis Taylor attending for the St. Croix along with a tribal council member. Among the small group of persons attending the dinner with the Vice President and Fowler were representatives of two other tribes, as well as Gover, who had solicited a contribution from a New Mexico tribal leader, and Kitto, who was described in Crain's briefing memo to Sullivan and Mercer as "an active Democratic party supporter" who "represents Native American tribes in Minnesota, Wisconsin and Michigan including the St. Croix tribe."⁵⁵⁸ DNC records relating to the St. Croix's Nov. 6 \$15,000 donation and the Oneida's Nov. 7 \$10,000 contribution identify no volunteer solicitor, and note Crain as the fundraiser credited for the receipts. Mercer, O'Connor and Kitto received no recorded credit for generating these contributions, despite Kitto's attendance at the dinner with the St. Croix. O'Connor later said that he was unaware of any efforts by Kitto to raise money from the St. Croix, but Gover recalled being at a fall 1995 NFC conference where Kitto boasted of O'Connor & Hannan's work to raise money from Indians.⁵⁵⁹

⁵⁵⁷Memo from Adam Crain to Judy DeAtley, Oct. 27, 1995.

⁵⁵⁸Memo from Adam Crain to Richard Sullivan, David Mercer and Jack Rosen, Nov. 7, 1995.

⁵⁵⁹Kitto's DNC and DSCC fund-raising efforts continued at a high level in 1996. In April (continued...)